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Quite a task

The Mayor's Drug Task Force once again gave the nod to four students who avoided drugs, made good grades and have a plan for their futures. At a luncheon on Tuesday, those students picked up a big check worth the paper it's printed on, and smaller, more valuable checks in the amount of \$1,000 to use toward higher education. The winners are (left to right): Carissa Franklin, Audry Glen, LaJohnna Reid, and (not pictured) Carrie Abdo. The task force members are (left to right): Tanya Colfield, Kristen Irwin, the Rev. William Kren, the Rev. Arthur Willis, Ofc. Officer Anthony Norman, Bill Ventola, Christine Oswald, Doug Hoffman, Nate Kuczera and Jerry Kittle.

Shelter may be a reality soon

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

The Romulus Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) will likely include the construction of a new animal shelter, and pay the difference between the cost of construction and the money raised by a councilman and several community groups.

Mayor Alan Lambert said the city is in talks with the TIFA board to amend the plan, which was approved several months ago.

"The current plan doesn't spell out that an animal shelter can be built," he said. "It said a public safety building can be built, but no animal shelter. We've spoken with attorneys who deal with TIFA issues, and it appears we will be able to

Lambert said the issue was brought up at a TIFA meeting last week, but that no vote was taken. He believes it will take about 2 months to get a final vote on an amended plan.

The current plan doesn't spell out that an animal shelter can be built.

Mayor Alan Lambert

Tax Increment Financing Authority districts are pre-determined areas that are allowed by state law to capture a portion of property taxes within the borders for re-investment in the area. Adding an animal shelter would mean that the board

would have to pay money for the construction, but no new taxes would be levied against resi-

William Councilman Wadsworth, an avid animal activist who spearheaded the drive to raise money to replace the aged animal shelter on Goddard Road - said any movement by the TIFA board would be a welcome development. '

"I made a presentation to the TIFA board Tuesday, and they're concerned about the money - but that's their job," he said. "The chairman of the board, Matt Rafferty, said an animal shelter would be a good project, and in line with TIFA's goals. All of the people on that board live in Romulus, and they want to see the project happen.

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State tax could help businesses

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

The impending resolution of the state Single Business Tax dilemma has city officials hoping the new plan will help them lure businesses into the city.

But many are still unsure a new plan will aid those efforts.

"We still don't know a lot about what they're going to do," said Mayor Alan Lambert, who has in the past expressed frustration about the city's struggle with attracting small businesses.

"It's difficult to say whether a new plan will help us," he added. "We're going to have to wait and

The Single Business Tax, which was repealed after voters nixed the tax last year at the polls, has been a point of contention for state lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. Last week, legislators announced a deal that will plug a nearly \$2 billion hole in the budget that was created by the voter rejection of the tax.

Local communities could have an easier time attracting businesses to their cities if the final tax plan is perceived to be businessfriendly, officials said.

"I don't think it helped with things up in the air," Lambert

The complex replacement is still being worked out at the state level. But the new Michigan Business Tax (MBT) will provide a tax break to seven out of 10 Michigan businesses and small business, as well as manufacturers, will also receive a break, officials said.

Large employers will see a significant cut in personal property taxes, and companies that invest in the state and create jobs will be

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Foreclosures hit Wayne

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

Several western Wayne County residents recently opened a notice in the mail they rather would not have received - a bill for back property taxes.

On June 1, the Wayne County Treasurer's Office mailed out a record-breaking total of 148,856 notices for 2006 property taxes that

have been returned to Wayne County as delinquent from the 43 county municipalities, according to Keith Owens, a spokesperson for Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz.

The total amount due to be collected from these delinquent accounts also amounts to an all-time high of over \$290 million. That's a \$90 million increase over last year.

County officials describe the number of foreclosures in the county - which is higher than any other county in the United States as sobering.

Local officials agree with that assessment

We're getting foreclosures in at the city at the rate of about five a week - 20 houses a month is pretty bad," said Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert. "We're wracking our brains to

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Belleville police recommend canceling festival

Andrea King Staff Writer

No more Belleville National Strawberry Festival.

That's what the city police department is suggesting.

After the event last weekend, Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor said the festival produced unusually rowdy crowds and several arrests for disorderly conduct.

"Of the 30 years in this community, this is the worst I ever saw," said Taylor. "A mob-mentality took over.'

Around 9:45 p.m. last Saturday, fights broke out and continued to the point that a large group of people was stopping traffic, according to police.

"It was bad, that's no exaggeration,"

said Ofc. Ken Voight. "It was hard to do justice.'

Voight said police ended-up closing the carnival early that night because of all the fights. The city simply didn't have enough officers to deal with what happened, he

"It was at least 1,500 people," said Voight.

Police assistance from Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Huron Township, the Metroparks and the Michigan State Police was called in, but the crowd wasn't listening to police, Taylor

"Citizens were fearful for their safety," he said. "Fortunately for Belleville, the crowd broke-up. If we would've tried to make an arrest though, we would've been

outnumbered."

Police officials don't believe the situation was alcohol related, but that the 'mobmentality' simply took over. It was just short of being a riot, they said.

Besides the mob, police also reported a pedestrian crash on Church Street, a crash on Henry Street, drunk driving, personal injuries and arsons throughout the weekend.

Taylor said as the police chief his concern is that the festival is compromising the safety of the residents, which is why he suggested stopping it all together.

"This has been escalating every year," Taylor said. "The sad part about it is these people aren't even from the tri-community

Resident Dave McPherson said he's

enjoyed the festival for many years, but his children and family were threatened and harassed that Saturday night.

"The police chief is understating what happened," he said. "This happened in my own home and I don't want it happening anymore."

Mayor Tom Fielder said once a followup report is made it will go to both the city council and the Strawberry Festival board, which meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. The board is a private committee that comes to the city council each year requesting to use portions of the city for the event, he said.

"Obviously we don't like what we hear," said Fielder. "It's going to be disappointing if we have to cancel the festival."

News in brief

Summer reading program announced

Students of all ages are invited to enjoy reading at the library

The Romulus Public Library summer reading program began June 4. Activities are designed to appeal to students off all ages. The program will continue until July 31.

All activities will take place at 1 p.m. on the following dates:

June 27 - The M.J. Cooper Puppet Show;

July 11 - Storyteller Tonya Dallas will spin tales about

July 17 - Chris Measzros, the man of 1,000 voices, presents,

July 25 - The Super Science Program will provide experi-

July 31 - Awards presentation for students who read the

For more information about the summer reading program, call the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589.

Send event notices, announcement and news briefs to Staff Writer Molly Tippen at mtippen@journalgroup.com. Fax notices

this summer.

July 3 - Basic Yoga Postures with Erica;

Anansi the spider;

"It's a Mystery";

ments for students; and

to (734) 729-1840.

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eligible for other perks.

Under the new MBT, the personal property tax rate will be reduced to 12 mills for commercial property and 24 mills for industrial property, with a 35 percent refundable credit.

Qualifying small businesses will have the option to pay an alternative tax of 1.8 percent of adjusted business income. The insurance premiums tax will increase to 1.25 percent with cred-

success in the residential development arena, and has also had a relatively easy time of attracting larger businesses, like the proposed casino and racetrack, officials said.

Inkster woman robbed, carjacked

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

A 76-year-old woman from Inkster was the latest on what appears to be a recent rash of crimes against the aged in Wayne County.

Norma Dobson was attempting to get some shopping done at about 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at the Family Dollar store on Beech Daly near Telegraph when she was approached from behind by a teen, who forced her to the ground, took the keys to her car and drove off with her purse and all of the cash inside.

Marc Stephen Carter, 17, now stands accused of committing the crime, said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

"(Carter) made a decision that will now change the course of his life. Was snatching a purse and a short time joyriding worth it?" she said.

Though the attack on Dobson occurred in Dearborn Heights, the teen was arrested by Inkster Police officers the day of the incident.

Prosecutors have charged Carter with carjacking and assault, two felonies that could put him in prison for life if he is convicted. Carter will return to the 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights for a preliminary exam.

Crimes against older individuals seemed to have spiked during the past several weeks. Worthy, several years ago, created a unit that deals specifically with the needs of the elderly, and has spoken several times in Wayne County about the vulnerability of older cit-

In May, Detroiter Leonard Sims, 90, was attacked by a teen outside of a party store in Detroit. A security camera caught the attack on tape, which was shown on several local news broadcasts

and caused outrage among viewers and law enforcement.

On the same day as the attack on Dobson, two teens from Detroit were accused of assaulting and stealing the vehicle of two elderly visitors from Toronto.

Worthy called the attacks on the individuals an "open season on our senior citizens."

Crimes against elderly persons are on the rise, but people older than 65 experienced less violence and fewer property crimes than younger persons between 1993 and 2002, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, which is part of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Property crime provided the highest percentage of crime against persons age 65 or older about one in five crimes against the elderly were thefts, according to the bureau.

Attempts to reach Dobson were unsuccessful Tuesday.

Business

The City of Romulus has had

But several other developments, like the Wayne Countysponsored Pinnacle Aeropark, which officials hope will turn into

a massive commercial and technology hub for the county, and the Metro World Development, a mixed-use residential and commercial development the city would like to see spring up around the airport, have had few takers.

State leaders have blamed the lack of new business and the exodus of jobs created by troubles in the domestic automotive industry, and a tax code many saw as prohibitive.

Councilman William Crova said he's sure taxes have had something to do with the inability to attract new businesses, but he's unsure the MBT will alleviate that.

"Getting new business has bee a problem all over the state," he said. "Right now, what we can do as a community is try to offer businesses as much incentive as we can at a local level."

The city is undergoing some changes to retain and attract businesses. Currently, officials are looking at ways to revise the tax abatement plan for industrial busi-

The Single Business Tax was enacted 28 years ago, and was set to expire at the end of this 2010 before Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson led a drive to put the question of whether to repeal the tax on the ballot.

Michigan lawmakers had up until the end of this year to find a replacement for the tax.

Several measures will have to be approved in the Michigan House and Senate for full implementation of the tax plan to take place.

Shelter

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Estimates indicate that a new shelter would cost \$250,000 to build. Wadsworth said that funds from individuals and businesses, as well as in-kind promises for labor, means that work can get started without necessarily having all of the money in hand. So far, about \$115,000 in cash has been donated, and about \$40,000 in in-kind services has been pledged, Wadsworth said.

A design for Ghafari & Associates, and a final plan are also devising a shelter has been approved, he added.

The new shelter will be locat-

ed on a city-owned parcel of land on Northline Road, near the department of public works building. The new plan calls for many new amenities, including an adoption area and an improved storage area for sup-

Small fundraisers - bowling events, card games, and restaurant events have helped fuel the effort of a new shelter, and Wadsworth said the vast majority of support has come from small businesses in the area.

Wadsworth said he's excited to see that plans are moving along smoothly, and that' it finally looks like his dream is within

"It looks like it's finally going to happen," he said.

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see if we can find a way to help people locally - we've talked to some mortgage lenders to see if they can help, and they're concerned, too. They don't want all of these mortgages to fall back on their laps."

Citizens, who have allowed their taxes to become delinquent, should expect to receive a bill in the mail within the next few days requesting payment of that delinquent amount, if they have not received one already, said Owens.

"There's been a massive public relations campaign to get the word out about delinquent taxes," he said. "We've sent out information to churches to encourage people to pay, and we received a pretty good response to that."

Property owners who are not certain of their status and would like to check and see whether or not they are delinquent in paying their taxes are invited to go online at the treasurer's website: www.treasurer.waynecounty.com. The site is available 24 hours a day and is free of charge.

Residents without access to the Internet can check their status by using the 24-hour automated phone system at (313) 224-5990. Taxpayers must have their parcel identifier numbers available in accessing this system after 4:30 p.m.

There are three ways a past due bill can be paid: Online at the Treasurer's web site, by U.S. mail, using the pre-addressed envelope enclosed with the tax bill, or in person, at the Wayne County Treasurer's Office, which is located at 400 Monroe St., 5th Floor, in Detroit, 48226.

Lambert said the city has so far not been able to offer any local relief, but is still investigating possibilities.

"When you're driving around here in the neighborhoods, you tell there are many abandoned houses because the grass is tall," he said.

"More than anything, it's very sad."

OPINION

Redrawing the lines

State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) introduced a resolution recently to change the way legislative districts are drawn.

He said the goal of the resolution was to restore the confidence in the redistricting process by taking it out of the hands of the partisan Legislature and putting it into an Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC).

"Voters no longer pick their elected officials, elected officials pick their voters," he said of the need for change.

Districts are traditionally redrawn after federal census years; the party in control of the Legislature at that time usually appoints the members of the committee that takes on the project, therefore ensuring they keep their majority status in the house and senate.

Under Anderson's proposal, members of the IRC shall not have served as an elected or appointed public official or been a candidate for public office within three years prior to their appointment to the independent commission. The same restriction would also apply to political party officials and registered lobbyists.

The resolution also prohibits the use of voting history data, past election results, and incumbent addresses from the district mapping process. The final plan adopted by the IRC must be agreed upon by a two-thirds majority vote.

Anderson has been contemplating this issue for a long time; he mentioned it during his campaign to win his senate seat. It's good to see him working on such promises after he was elected.

We think this is a good step toward restoring the faith in the electoral process. The drawing of legislative districts should be undertaken by an independent body, if such a body can truly be found. That might prove to be a challenge.

We should also point out that the results of the last state election showed that such a move isn't a terribly pressing issue. When the legislative districts were drawn up after the 2000 census, they were done so to favor Republican candidates, particularly in western Wayne County. The 20th House District was redrawn to silence the democratic majority in the City of Wayne; the seat that Anderson now holds was attached to Livonia, a Republican stronghold. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter has benefited from the make up and boundaries of his district, too.

In most cases, this didn't work in 2006. McCotter breezed to re-election, true, but State Rep. Marc Corriveau was successful in the predominantly Republican 20th District as was Anderson, himself. It showed that voters will buck the system when they get tired enough of the political games bandied about by lawmakers, whatever their party affiliation may be.

That's no reason to stop this independent redistricting plan, though. We still think it's a good idea and something should be put in place before the redistricting process starts again.

At least talk about it

It could finally be the hour for State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor).

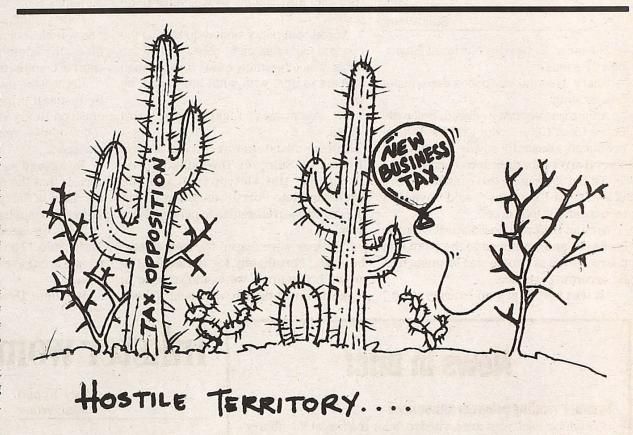
After nearly a decade of trying to start the discussion on smoke free restaurants, businesses and bars, renewed interest has brought the issue to the forefront.

Basham's efforts through the years have fallen on deaf ears, despite the growing evidence of the health hazards included in ingesting second hand smoke. He couldn't even get the issue up for a hearing because it was fought by lobbyists of the restaurant industry, state and regional chambers of commerce and so on.

We're not sure about such sweeping reforms that are being discussed. We're a little uncomfortable about the continuing attack on the tobacco industry, too.

All of that aside, the issue still needs to be looked into and discussed

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Time flies, like it or not

It took me a few moments to figure out what was different last Wednesday.

It was about 11:30 a.m. and Henry and I were walking home from Hoover Elementary School. He had a backpack over his shoulder, filled with the remains of his half-eaten snack, and a pretty picture in his hands. His head was lowered, his shoulders slightly slumped.

"So how was school today, bud?" I asked.

"Fine," came the reply.

"Are you sad because tomorrow's the last day of school?" I asked.

"A little," he said. "I hope I can still play with my friends in the summer."

Then it hit me: he sounded different. His voice seemed a little hoarse, his sentences more complete-despite the lack of his two front teeth.

He's already starting to grow up. The thought hit me with a bizarre sense of wonder. When did that happen?

It couldn't have been that morning. It wasn't like a switch going off-kindergartener to first grader. It had to be a gradual thing, one I have been sadly too busy to notice.

Everyone said it would happen. They warned me that I should pay attention during his younger years, that once he entered school, time would become a blur.

"It already has," I replied, thinking of my hectic work life.

Those people were right, though. It's hard to fathom that a complete school year has gone by, and I haven't done as many of the school stories that I wanted to do.

It's hard to believe that Henry has completed his first year in school and is already

looking forward to his second. I wondered how other parents would feel when their children came home a day later, many covered in shaving cream or damp from water balloons.

Well, it was a good year, all in all. I want to take a few moments to thank the people at Hoover Elementary: Principal Dan Briody runs a good ship there. It was fun to see him, excited as a kid himself, showing me some of the technological upgrades recently installed in the district. From his office, he can check out the morning announcements at any other school in the district.

Amy Root, Henry's teacher, deserves a shout, too. It's easy to forget how difficult a job teaching even a handful of unruly 5 and 6 year olds can be. You have to be part parent, part teacher, part counselor and part enforcer. She's moving on, taking on an all-day kindergarten class at Wildwood. I wish her luck and continued success.

My recollections of summer vacation as a kid were pretty vivid. I can compare them now to writing a column for a newspaper. It's fun for a couple of weeks, but then you're scratching your head for things to do.

I wonder how that will change now. I hope to take some time to spend with my boy, who's just growing up too fast.

I think that's something all parents should do with their children-get together and try to slow down time, even if it's just for a little while.

It's like deja-vu all over again

If history repeats itself we're in for quite a treat. I think 1984 was a good year. I turned 11 that year so very little really stands out. Well actually, with the popular neon colors of the time, everything stood out.

The year was a surreal time for entertainment, politics and sports. Maybe it was Reaganomics or the crack epidemic that was sweeping across the nation during that time.

Television was hitting its stride. "The Cosby Show" debuted in 1984, "Magnum PI" was a hit, David Hasselhoff was still talking to his car, KIT, in "Knight Rider" and people were getting "jiggy" with the "Solid Gold" dancers.

Gremlins were looking for midnight snacks on the big screen and Ghostbusters, Indiana Jones and The Temple of Doom and Beverly Hills Cop were box office hits along with The Karate Kid.

Cassette tapes were cool. Madonna released her

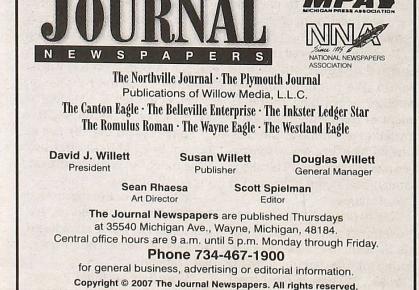
"Like a Virgin" LP in 1984 that spawned several hits for the Michigan native. Other hit songs like Bananarama's 'Cruel

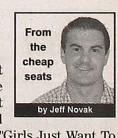
Summer" and Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" drifted out of teenagers' bedrooms while Van Halen's "Panama" and "Jump" and Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" blared from boxy Mustangs and curvy Corvettes.

For those too young to care about such artists, you might like to know that singers Ashlee Simpson and Avril Lavigne and singer/actress Mandy Moore were all born in 1984.

The world was far from being the totalitarian society that George Orwell wrote about in 1948's "1984". However, Ronald Reagan was voted president with George H. Bush as his VP. The technology

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wasn't quite ready to support the all-seeing "big brother" televisions but revolutionizing the computer generation was the release of Apple's Macintosh-its user-friendly personal computer. The Space Shuttle Discovery made its maiden voyage to help further space exploration that year, too.

There are plenty of 1984 moments that are nostalgic but the most memorable thing about that year, for me, was Detroit Tiger baseball. During that unforgettable season they won the World Series by beating San Diego (4-1) in a best-of-seven

series. Along the way pitcher Jack Morris pitched a rare no-hitter at Tiger stadium on April against the Chicago White Sox-a sure sign of things to

Fast-forward 17 years and not much has really changed. OK, everything except Hasselhoff is still on TV; the popular cartoon of the day, "Transformers," is getting a liveaction makeover on its way to the big screen next month; there's a Bush in the White House; and leg-warmers are even coming back into style. Yes, really.

What we should be thankful for here in the Detroit area is that Tiger baseball is back on track for the second straight year. Thank you baseball gods!

In case you haven't heard, Detroit pitcher Justin Verlander made history last week when he pitched his first-ever no-hitter on June 12 against the Milwaukee Brewers. It was also the first nohitter thrown in Comerica Park and the first one in the 17-year span since Morris in 1984-the one that led off the thrilling 1984 sea-

That doesn't necessarily mean that history will repeat itself, sending the Tigers to the final showdown let alone winning the entire thing. But what a sweet treat it would be-as long as the rest of the 1984 time capsule doesn't resurface, too.

CLARIFICATION

In a story last week about Nithya Vijayakumar's achievements as a champion speller and accomplishments at the Scripp's National Spelling Bee, her name was misspelled during the editing process. Her father's name, Vijayakumar Pandiarajan, was also misspelled. We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Talk

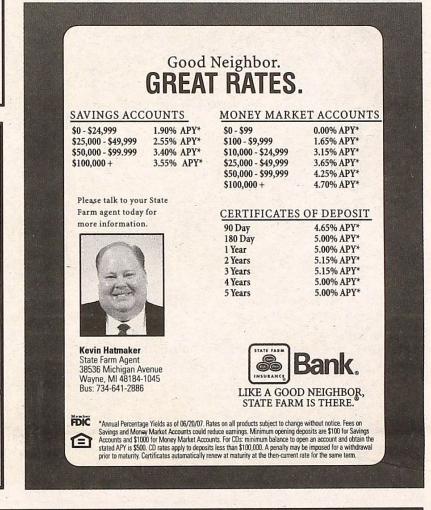
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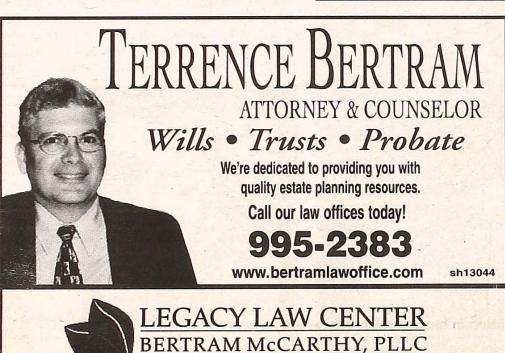
openly.

Banning smoking in restaurants, bars and workplaces seems a little excessive. We could understand such a ban on restaurants, which cater to families and workplaces, where employees have little choice but to breathe in these carcinogens when they're trying to earn a dollar, but it seems unfair to ban it in places where the primary source of revenue is alcohol. Those two behaviors often go hand

It's not a new discussion, even though it seems like it in Michigan. Basham has pushed the issue for a decade and, had he been successful, Michigan would have been at the forefront of the change. Now, 19 states have smoke free restaurants and 13 have smoke free bars, according to the activist group, Campaign for SmokeFree Air.

With that in mind, it's time to join the discussion, at the very





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Holiday fireworks celebrations set in area

are planned this weekend.

The first will take place at dusk on Saturday in Van Buren Township. The display, which will go off over the Beck ball fields, is located at 46425 Tyler Road in the township. A disc jockey will provide a musical backdrop for the event.

Two area fireworks displays Additional parking will be available at Van Buren Township Hall. In case of rain, the show will go on Sunday night instead.

> The shimmering rockets will also fly as the final touch to the annual Livonia Spree. The display, which is part of the large family-oriented annual festival, will take place at 10:15 p.m. on

June 24 at Ford Field, located at the corner of Farmington and Lyndon roads. Additional parking is available at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr.

For those willing to travel a little further, the fireworks honoring the International Freedom Festival will be set off above the Detroit River on June 27. Festivities including a singing competition will precede the show in the Hart Plaza area. The rain date, if necessary, will be

Independence Day will be celebrated with fireworks in two communities, too.

In Westland, the fireworks display will take place, as always, at dusk on the 4th of July. The show marks the end of the Westland Summer Festival. The fireworks are expected to originate in Central City Park, located off of Ford Road behind Westland City Hall. Due to ongoing environmental testing, the park is fenced off but viewing areas will be available throughout the nearby Tattan Park and the Westland municipal complex. On-site

able in the parking lot of the nearby John Glenn High School. The school is located at 36105 Marquette Road between Wayne and Newburg roads.

Romulus will offer a fireworks display on July 4, too. It will take place at dusk in Elmer Johnson Park, located at the corner of Ozga and Wick roads. July 5 will serve as the rain date, if

Fireworks will light up Heritage Park in Taylor on July 13. The park is located on Pardee Road between Northline and Goddard roads.

Although the shows provide inexpensive family entertainment, check with the appropriate municipality for details. Seating generally isn't provided, so participants should plan on bringing a lawn chair or blanket.



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You may enroll your Kindergarten student at Belleville High School from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or at the Administration Building from Noon to 3:30 p.m. until August 6, 2007.

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Van Buren Public Schools - Your Schools of Choice!

4th grade health lessons OK'd

Andrea King Staff Writer

Beginning next school year, Van Buren Public School District students will receive health lessons a grade earlier.

The Health Advisory Committee recommended the previously approved fifth grade maturation and HIV/Aids curriculum be used additionally in the fourth grade physical education classes.

According to Rill Currie, career and technical education supervisor for the district, students are maturing at a much earlier age and need this information earlier than in the spring of fifth grade.

"It's not surprising how much kids are maturing, their bodies are developing sooner," said Kim Nofz, committee member and a registered nurse. "Their diets are different nowadays, which I think could have a lot to do with it."

There will be no change in the curriculum and it will not cover reproductive health, Nofz said.

"This is about hygiene matters, puberty and maturing," she said.

Currently, the Michigan curriculum model includes: disease prevention in

kindergarten, wellness and disease prevention in first grade, communicable and non-communicable disease prevention in the third grade, fighting germs in the fourth grade and HIV/Aids education in fifth grade. The committee does, however, plan to update this curriculum upon the completion of the new Michigan model, Currie said.

Gender specific videos will be shown by physical

education teachers in the fourth grade and repeated in the fifth grade, as well.

Cathy Bandy, committee member and parent of a fourth grade Belleville student, said she's happy to see this happen.

"There's no doubt these kids need this earlier," she said. "These kids are hitting puberty earlier and earlier. The fifth grade is too late for this information. These kids are already facing these issues.

"This opens the dialogue," Bandy added. "I can't imagine a parent would be against it. It's a difficult subject for parents to approach with

their children, but it's nice for them to learn the proper terms and uses in school."

"We're filling a void where kids aren't hearing it," said Nofz. "We'd hope parents would talk about this with their kids so we wouldn't have to, but it's not always the case."

For more information about the health advisory committee, contact the administration building at (734) 697-9123.

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Landfill revenue helps balance township budget

Andrea King Staff Writer

Van Buren Township is fortunate to have revenue from the local landfill coming into the township, according to auditor Wendy Trumbull of Plante & Moran.

"Again, because of the landfill fund the township is in good shape," Trumbull said during the recent presentation of the 2006 fiscal year budget.

For 2006, revenues were about \$11.9 million, which was up compared to \$11.6 million in 2005 and \$10.1 million in 2004. Expenditures for 2006 were about \$12.1, which was also an increase compared to \$11.3 million in 2005 and \$11.1 million in 2004. The general fund balance was about \$2.8 million for 2006, which represents about 23 percent of expenditures, according to Trumbull.

Township Supervisor Cindy King said basically, all the money in the landfill fund was spent.

"Regardless of what some may think, that fund is not an infinite source of monies," she said. "We're facing a time when state shared revenue is being cut and we're spending the landfill fund for routine services. I think that's significant."

Another sign of the times, King said, was the reduction of permits in 2006, which decreased revenue.

"While the slowdown of growth in the township is welcome, the revenue has slowed down, as well," she said. "I feel we've done an appropriate job setting aside an appropriate amount of funds.

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Township Supervisor
Cindy King

We're trying to plan for future costs so we're ready when they happen."

Auditor David Helisek of Plante & Moran said Ban Buren is not the only community in Wayne County struggling.

"There's no growth and the revenue base is stagnant so there's not a whole lot to do on the revenue side," he said. "A lot of communities are taking a long, hard look to make sure they're providing services. Some are even considering a Headlee amendment override."

In Van Buren Township, an important part of the budget is the public safety millage, which go before voters in August.

"If it's not successful, the township will revert back to where some other cities are now," said Helisek. "I don't think you'll like what you see. That (millage) is an important part of the township budget that's not guaranteed."

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SPORTS

Peggy Curtis enters 30th year of coaching

Staff Writer

Peggy Curtis describes her coaching style as "slugs and hugs."

"I'm a disciplinarian, but I've mellowed down over the years," she said.

Whatever she does, it must be working. The softball coach from Belleville High School will start her 30th year coaching next year.

Curtis attended Belleville High School and graduated from Eastern Michigan University before she returned to Belleville to teach at the junior high and the high school. She taught art, English and spent the last six years of her professional career as a guidance counselor.

Although she has served in a variety of positions in the school district, there is one thing that has remained constant-her love of coaching. She has been retired from the district for five years, but still coaches softball.

"I'll coach as long as it's fun," she said. "And right now, I don't see anyone who wants to take it over. I've done it for a long time, and I've seen it happen in some schools; someone builds the program up and when they leave, the program dissolves because the new

Renee White coach doesn't have the same passion. I don't want that to happen here."

> When Curtis began coaching, it was before Title IX went into effect in 1972. Curtis remembers that boys had many sports, and girls had hardly any.

> "Before Title IX, you had to organize everything yourself," Curtis said, adding that coaches had to lay out the field and even transport the girls to games themselves.

> "Even after Title IX, there weren't facilities," she said. "We had to bring our own bases to games. The field has come a long way."

Curtis said her love of the game was fostered in her childhood. She grew up playing ball with her dad and brother.

"Back then, it wasn't acceptable," she said. "There were no organized sports for girls. It's so great today because the guys admire the ability of

According to Curtis, the biggest change since the beginning of her coaching career is the way that children are raised. She mentioned that in the 1970s, corporal punishment was acceptable and even used in schools.

She loves watching her players

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Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis, above consulting Angel Matthews (19), is entering her 30th year of coaching next year. Photo by Jeff Novak



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McClendon uses his speed to turn the corner against Walled Lake Western on his way to a score in 2006. He has committed to play football at Saint Joseph's College of Indiana, a Division II team. Photo by Jeff Novak

McClendon heads to All-Star game

Tanya Wildt Staff Writer

Deshon McClendon, a Canton High School senior, is headed to the stars.

McClendon was recently selected to the 2007 All Star Football Game, which will take place on July 21 at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium. McClendon will be representing the East in the 27th annual game.

"As a junior he was our M.V.P," said Tim Baechler, head coach of the Chiefs varsity football squad. "I knew he'd be good enough."

McClendon will join his new team seven days before the event

and often practice three times per day in preparation for the game.

McClendon's All Star trip began with a nomination from Baechler, who knew he was a perfect fit for the star-studded occasion. After receiving numerous nominations, the coaching staffs of the East and West teams along with the MHSFCA Board of Directors and the All Star Committee selected McClendon as one of 44 players on the East.

"It says that they think he's one of the best players in the state," Baechler said.

Being able to play both running back and defensive back positions made McClendon's chance to be selected more promising, according to Baechler.

McClendon will be joining a list of other Canton players who have been selected to the team in the past. Canton has had five players in the last five years play in the All Star Game.

The road to becoming an All Star wasn't without challenges for McClendon. He had to push through injuries all season. He suffered from a high ankle sprain and lower back problems.

"I was injured throughout the whole season, but I played

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Curtis

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learn and grow as people and athletes.

One former student, Robin Golden, played for her while attending Belleville High School. After graduating from Michigan State University, she came back and worked under Curtis as an assistant coach.

Golden enjoyed her time with Curtis.

"It was a lot of fun working with someone who has been a part of the game for so long," Golden said. "She's never done learning, and that's one thing I really admire about her. She's always attending clinics and learning how to be on top of the game."

Not only has Curtis gotten to know her students and assistant coaches during her 29 years, she has also gotten to know coaches from other schools who have been around as long as her.

"I've enjoyed coaching against the coaches from Trenton and Monroe, our big competitor schools," Curtis said. "We've been coaching against each other for a long time and we chuckle to ourselves because we've all mellowed down over the years.

"As you get older, you dis-

It was a lot of fun working with someone who has been a part of

Robin Golden

the game for so long.

cover there's a lot more to life than winning. In the old days, you would lose and be depressed, or have a bad season and be down about it. Now I tell the kids, 'Yes, it's a tough loss, but in the scope of the world, it's just a ball game.' A small number of my players go onto play softball in college, but I hope they all learned about responsibility, community and being a part of a team from me."

So far, Curtis' career has earned her two state championships, 12 district titles and a spot in the Michigan Softball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Last year, the team's record was 23-8. She expects next year to be even better.

"I expect us to be very good next year," she said. "A majority of the team is coming back, so unless we have a lot of injuries, we'll be very good."

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SPORTS-

Plymouth Whalers release 2007-08 OHL schedule

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

There will be no rest for the wicked—or the Ontario Hockey League champion Plymouth Whalers.

Just weeks after winning the OHL crown, the Whalers are already gearing up for next season. The organization released the 2007-08 schedule that will open at 7:05 pm on Sept. 22 against Erie at Compuware Sports Arena

The Whalers will celebrate the 2006-07 accomplishments when they raise the championship banner—the second in the team's 17-year history—to the rafters in a ceremony planned for the home/season opener.

While Plymouth has the opportunity and the right—to increase ticket prices, it won't. Ticket prices for the new season will remain the same at \$14 for center ice seating and \$10 for executive reserved.

The Whalers' schedule features 48 games against teams within the Western Conference, with 28 of those games within the West Division (eight each against Saginaw and Windsor; six each against Sault Ste. Marie and Sarnia) and 20 against Midwest Division opponents. The remaining 20 games are against Eastern Conference teams.

Although the OHL did not expand for 2007-08, two Eastern Conference teams have moved to other locations. The Mississauga IceDogs have relocated to St. Catherines, Ontario and are now the Niagara IceDogs. The Toronto St. Michael's Majors have moved to Mississauga where they will be known as the Mississauga St. Michael's

Saturday remains the primary home

Recently graduated Canton running back Deshon McClendon was selected to play in the 2007 All Star game this summer. Above, he stretches into the end zone for a touchdown early in the 2006 campaign.



All-Star

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through it," McClendon said.

Baechler described McClendon as a high character, quiet and hardworking kid who is always in the weight room.

"He's been a committed athlete," Baechler said.

The perseverance and dedication have paid off for McClendon with a future in football, as well. He has committed to play football at Saint Joseph's College of Indiana, a Division II team. Knowing one of the coaches at the school helped

McClendon make his decision. He had also considered attending Wayne State University.

His goal on the field during college is simple:

"To play all four years, starting as a freshman," McClendon said.

Off the field he plans to major in education and minor in business. He hopes this will lead him to a career as an athletic director.

Before heading off to play college ball, McClendon must play one final game as a high school player. The All Star game is not only the mark of the end of a season for McClendon, but also the mark of his high school career.

CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING 28435 LEROY

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from Section 4.15 B.1. of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance to allow the replacement of a fence in the required front yard (Burning Tree Place) setback. The Zoning Ordinance requires that no fence shall be located in the front yard of a residential lot. The subject property is a corner lot located at 28435 Leroy. DP# 82-80-143-02-0192-000. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 11, 2007, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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date for the Whalers. They play 19 home games on Saturday nights. Plymouth plays eight home games on Fridays, three on Wednesdays, two on Mondays and one each on Thursday and Sunday afternoon.

Other notable dates are:

Plymouth will play its annual Kid's Day Holiday Matinee at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27 against Saginaw and will ring in 2008 with a New Year's Eve game hosting Kitchener at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31. The Whalers' annual Green-Out Game will be played at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 15 against Sarnia.

Interstate-rival Saginaw comes to the Compuware Sports Arena on Nov. 21, Dec. 27, Jan. 14 and March 2. The Whalers play at Saginaw's Dow Event Center on Dec. 29, Jan. 9, Feb. 15 and March 16.

Season tickets for the 2007-08 season start at \$239 for 34 home games and are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400.

CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING F & L INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from Section 4.07, Appearance, of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance to allow integrated decorative block materials on all sides of the building. The Zoning Ordinance requires that industrial buildings within 300 feet of a public right-of-way be constructed of brick, stone or glass with no more than 10% containing E.I.F.S. or decorative masonry block. The subject property is located on the south side of Van Born Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads. DP# 82-80-001-99-0008-704. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 11, 2007, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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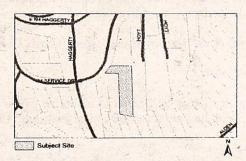
The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V-125- 83-093-01-0081-306, also known as 40761 South Interstate 94 Service Drive. The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren, Edison Lake Estate Subdivision on the south side of Interstate 94, between Haggerty Road and Hannan Road.

The applicants, Bob & Suzanne B. Day, are requesting a variance to install a fence to enclose the front yard as well as the backyard. Approval of this application as submitted would require the following variance from the Zoning Ordinance standards:

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.30 FENCECS, WALLS AND OTHER PROTECTIVE BARRIERS.

The ordinance states no fence shall hereafter be located in the front yard or on the side of a front yard.



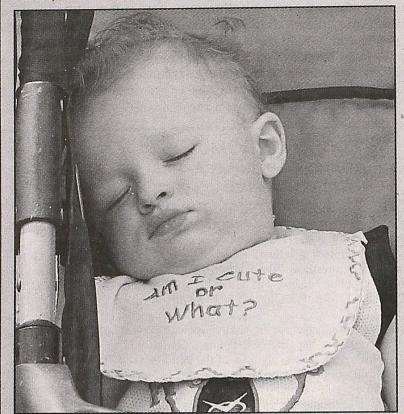
Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

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Posted: Publish: June 15, 2007 June 21, 2007

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 4, 2007 IN THE **ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER** 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear. Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Excused: LeRoy Burcroff

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer, CMFTA

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07 - 164

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 29, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- 3. Petitioners None.
- 4. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-165

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to award Bid 06/07-26 for the mosquito control program to the lowest qualified bidder, Clark Mosquito Control for a one year contact, at the bid case prices, with an option to extend the bid upon mutual agreement of the vendor and the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-166

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to authorize payment to Semcog in the amount of \$3,160.00. Said dues are for membership form June 15, 2007 through June 15, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-167

5C1. Motion by Bragg, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the Administration and approve the appointment of Michelle Mercado and Paul Witherow to the Downtown Development Authority with terms expiring 7/31/11.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-168

5C2. Motion by Bragg, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation

of the Administration and approve the reappointment of William Crane, Ron Hopson and Frederick Hay to the Downtown Development Authority with terms expiring 7/31/11.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-169

5C3. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution thanking Rick Perry and Rhonda M. Hennessy for their years of dedication and hard work on the Downtown Development Authority.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-170

5D1. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Betsey Krampitz and Julie Wojtylko to the Romulus Arts Council with a term expiring 11/05/07.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07 - 171

5D2. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to concur with the Administration and approve the reappointment of Ellen Craig Bragg, Debbie Hoffman, Maria Lambert, Lynn Conway, Susan Hart and Cyndi Kellerman to the Romulus Arts Council with terms expiring on 11/05/07.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Abstain - Bragg.

Motion Carried.

07-172

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of legal counsel and the Romulus Cable Commission and adopt a resolution in accordance a with language of the May 15, 2007 resolution of the Romulus Cable Commission, requiring that a minimum of 2% PEG fee be required for any and all video service franchise agreements with the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted. Linda Choate, City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, City Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 4, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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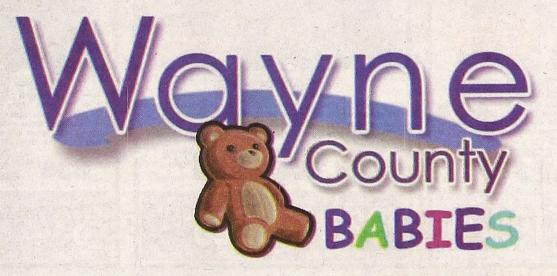


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